



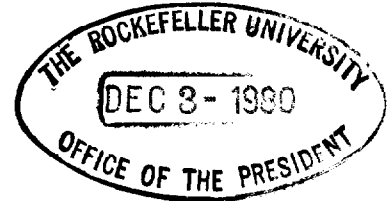
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Dear Josh,

Five years ago I wrote to you asking if you would be willing to give me a reference for a possible opening here at UWM, and you were agreeable to doing this; now I am writing for similar reasons.

Since Alec's sudden death in 1976 I have been employed as lecturer in genetics and zoology here, and have gained a lot of useful teaching experience. Though I never taught before, I find I quite like it. The professorial vacancy has been advertised in previous years, but I was told not to apply since I had no research program, nor - lacking funds, space, and time - was I able to start anything. After the first ad and a lengthy selection process, they chose a population geneticist but the dean turned down the appointment, having decided they ought to have chosen a "molecular geneticist" instead. The second time they chose accordingly, but the dean refused to furnish a lab, so the fellow did not come. This fall, once again, the post has been advertised (enclosed) but in vaguer terms, and since I now have a modest project underway (flies - all I could afford), and have been encouraged to apply, I thought I would do so. However, the State has demanded a 4.4% cut on university spending, and the chancellor said he would fill no new positions, so I did nothing. Now this week the vice-chancellor has said the position would, after all, be funded. With the due date 12/15/80, there are only two weeks left in which to get everything together, including "letters of professional recommendation" to accompany my application. I know you must be very busy, but if you could write such a letter, I would be very grateful.

Hope you have a happy holiday season, and look forward to hear from you soon!

Yours,

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